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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: FRANCOPHONE PARLIAMEN-

**TARIANS** 

- 1. APPROXIMATELY 100 PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM SOME 30 FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES PLAN TO VISIT NEW YORK CITY BEGINNING APRIL 25 FOR WORKING SESSIONS AT THE UN. ASIDE FROM ABOUT 12 DEPUTIES ANDUSENATORS FROM FRANCE AND THE SAME NUMBER FROM CANADA, MOST OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL REPRESENT COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA WHERE FRENCH IS USED AS A WORKING LANGUAGE.
- 2. PIERRE MUTTER, ON LEAVE FROM THE QUAI AND PRESENTLY SERVING AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSO-CIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF FRENCH LANGUAGE, EX-PLAINED TO US THAT MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE NEVER BEEN TO THE US BEFORE AND THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE A ONE-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D. C., ON THURSDAY, APRIL 29. HE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM, BUT WAS OPEN TO ANY OTHER HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS:N FLY TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EARLY MORNING, VISIT MOUNT VERNON, LUNCH AT CONGRESS (IF DINING ROOM CAN ACCOMMODATE THIS MANY GUESTS), TOUR OF CAPITOL, PRIVATE TOUR OF WHITE HOUSE, POSSIBLE BRIEFING AT STATE DEPART-MENT, POSSIBLE RECEPTION/BUFFET AT KENNEDY CENTER HOSTED BY ONE OR SEVERAL OF THE EMBASSIES INVOLVED, AND RETURN FLIGHT TO NEW YORK THAT SAME EVENING. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 3. MUTTER LEAVES FOR NEW YORK FEBRUARY 2 TO WORK ON DETAILS OF NEW YORK PORTION OF VISIT. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COME DOWN TO WASHUNGTON ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 IF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND IF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. MUTTER ASKS FOLLOWING TWO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS: NAME OF US OFFICIAL WITH WHOM HE COULD MEET ON FEBRUARY 5 AND TIME OF SUCH MEETING; AND WHETHER USG COULD FURNISH ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COVER COSTS OF AIR TRAVEL NEW YORK/WASHINGTON/NEW YORK, BUSES AND INTERPRETERS WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND LUNCH AT CONGRESS.
- 4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FRENCH DEPUTY XAVIER DENIAU HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS ON THE HILL AND IN USG ABOUT POSSIBLE FINANCING. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE FRANCE COUNTRY FUNDS WARRANTED, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE GIVEN. WE ARE GIVING MUTTER ROBERT RICHARDS (CU) NAME TO CONTACT FROM NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.

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